

House Resolution No. 4568

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State family-owned businesses that have proven down through the years to be exemplary components in the economic foundations of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, The Paradies Shops has been a partnership between Elliott Threatt and Gregg Paradies since 2001 and has been named Best Airport Retailer for the past twelve consecutive years by Airport Revenue News; and

Whereas, The Paradies Shops recently enhanced its already impressive record of achievement when it was given the Corporate Partner Award for the second time by the Airport Minority Advisory Council at the annual AMAC/FAA Airport Business Diversity Conference, which was held in 2007 at Las Vegas, Nevada; and

Whereas, The Paradies Shops was recognized with the Corporate Partner Award in light of its demonstrating a significant commitment to the development of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, having a workforce that reflects a sound dedication to diversity, and developing an internship program that helps college students and recent graduates develop necessary professional skills; and

Whereas, under the guidance of President and CEO Gregg Paradies, The Paradies Shops operates more than 500 stores in 63 airports across the United States and Canada, including CNBC News, PGA Tour Shops, Brooks Brothers, Brighton Collectibles, Harley-Davidson, and The New York Times Bookstores; and

Whereas, one of the largest airport retailers, The Paradies Shops operates several hotel properties and the retail program for the Georgia Aquarium, which is the world's largest aquarium; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri businesses as The Paradies Shops at momentous times in their histories:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with The Paradies Shops and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon the company receiving the Corporate Partner Award from the Airport Minority Advisory Council; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of The Paradies Shops of Saint Louis and Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

Representative Mike Talboy
District No. 37

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4568, adopted August 29, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker